

Claims:

1. An ammunition clip for supplying cartridges to a firearm, said ammunition clip comprising:

an elongated housing having an internal chamber for holding a plurality of laterally aligned cartridges, said elongated housing having a loading end and an opposing end;

a movable carriage disposed within the internal chamber for urging the aligned cartridges towards the loading end;

a spring that urges the movable carriage towards the loading end, said spring being disposed completely outside the internal chamber, said spring being coupled on a first end to the elongated housing and on a second end to the movable carriage and being operatable in a direction of spring pressure that is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the longitudinal housing.

2. The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the spring further comprises a compression spring coupled on the first end to the opposing end of the elongated housing.

3. The ammunition clip as in claim 2 wherein the compression spring further comprises a coil spring.

4. The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the spring further comprises a tension spring coupled on the first end to the loading end of the elongated housing.

5. The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the a tension spring further comprises a coil spring.

6. The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the elongated housing further comprises a longitudinal slot in a wall of the elongated housing that accepts a spring follower slide that extends through the slot to engage the movable carriage inside the internal chamber and the spring outside the internal chamber.

7. The ammunition clip as in claim 6 wherein the elongated housing further comprises a pair of longitudinal slots in opposing sidewalls of the elongated housing that accepts opposing ends of a transverse guide pin disposed in the movable carriage.

8. The ammunition clip as in claim 7 further comprising a secondary spring that connects the spring follower slide to the transverse pin of the movable carriage.

9. The ammunition clip as in claim 8 wherein the secondary spring further comprises a leaf spring.

10. The ammunition clip as in claim 1 wherein the spring further comprises a pair of springs disposed on opposing sides of the elongated housing outside of the internal chamber.

11. The ammunition clip as in claim 10 wherein the elongated housing further comprises a pair of longitudinal slots in opposing sidewalls of the elongated housing that accepts a spring follower slide that extends through the slots to engage the movable carriage inside the internal chamber and the pair of springs outside the internal chamber.

12. The ammunition clip as in claim 11 wherein the spring follower slide further comprises a pocket within the internal chamber.

13. The ammunition clip as in claim 12 wherein the movable carriage further comprises a transverse guide pin that engages the pair of longitudinal slots in opposing sidewalls of the elongated housing.

14. The ammunition clip as in claim 13 further comprising a secondary spring that connects the pocket of the spring follower slide to the transverse pin of the movable carriage.

15. The ammunition clip as in claim 14 wherein the secondary spring further comprises a coil spring.